

THE LOOK

(Place the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance and center on the altar.)
You are looking at the Lord-- who is looking at you. He is looking at you looking at Him. Just stay there for a few minutes. This is the Lord Jesus Christ. The host in this monstrance was consecrated at another celebration of the Eucharist. We keep such hosts on reserve in the tabernacle. Should there be need to bring the Eucharist to the sick or to those in hospitals or Nursing Homes we have a sufficient supply of hosts. Or if anyone desires to stop in briefly during the day until 9:30 at night. You can. The Lord is here. Truly present. Really present. The Real Presence of the Living God.

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. The incarnate Word of God. Through Christ, through the look of Christ, the Father in heaven looks out upon each of us. "The Father and I are one," says Jesus. "He who sees me sees the Father" says Jesus. "All that the Father has is mine," says Jesus. So, here we are this morning. I am looking at God looking at me looking back at Him. Do you ever wonder what God is like? God the Father? Do you ever wonder what it might have been like in God before there was a creation? There was just Father, Son and their Holy Spirit uniting them in profound love.

So, from before the beginning of time God the Father always let God the Son so touch his soul that they actually share the one and the same soul. The Father abides there and dwells there, The Beloved Son abides there and dwells there. As does the very Spirit of their uniting love, God the Holy Spirit. We get a little glimpse into the very inner life of God on this feast day of the Holy Trinity. Each Divine person abides and indwells God.

In the Living God, from before the beginning of creation, there is Father, Son and Holy Spirit together. Truly One. And then when we look at creation, at the universe around us, we see the same reality. The inner life of God, the inner dynamic of their love--three persons bound together by love--is the very same dynamic that is at work in our own world. Look at love in your own life. Is it not a personal, spiritual reaching out for the other person and receiving love in turn? Are you not bound together with the other person by your love? Is there not a spirit between you that is the uniting force between you? In us as it is in God.

This world in which we live mirrors the world that is the inner life of God himself. The dynamic which exists in the Godhead before time is the same that God the Father has established in creation. God the Father does this in and through the Son of the Living God who is the one and only architect of creation. And the Spirit of their love is the power which impels us in this life. In us as it is in God.

Today we honor fathers in our country. We honor all those who share the name of the Living God, our Father. We pray for these men to be truly loving of their spouses, opening their own souls to the inner life of their beloved spouses. We pray for the Holy Spirit of the Living God to be the truly unifying force in the lives of every man who is father, no matter how that word has come to be their describing name. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be the unifying power between each father and his beloved children. We pray that the blessing of the inner life of the Holy Trinity will be the blessing received by each of these men today. And in a most special way when we pray the Our Father today may each of us pray it in our hearts specifically for the one who is our father.